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CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT



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Overview

During the month of January, the Central Command once again experienced several winter storms that adversely affected driving conditions on all major highways. To add to the many road restrictions and hazardous driving conditions, fog and icy roadways played a major factor in many of the crashes that occurred throughout the Command. Because of these conditions, total crashes increased by 37.7% and overall activity decreased by 17.6%.

Of the 168 crashes handled by Central Command personnel, none involved a fatality. Property crashes increased by 16 or 17.4% and injury crashes increased by 33 or 122%, when compared to December. DUI crashes also increased by 20% as did commercial vehicles crashes by 46.2%. One more DUI crash was handled and 12 more commercial vehicle crashes were handled when compared to the previous month.

Overall enforcement activity declined by 17.6% or 477 fewer violations were cited. All enforcement categories showed a decrease except one. The hazardous moving category increased by 16.6% or 38 more violations were cited. The majority of the overall enforcement decline was in the area of speed violations where 424 fewer violations were issued when compared to the previous month. The severe weather slowed traffic down. The weather also impacted Commercial Operation enforcement efforts. Commercial Enforcement personnel assisted Traffic Operations with traffic crashes; winter related traffic problems and check sites were unable to be utilized due to ice and snow accumulations. One bright spot to be reported is Traffic Operation personnel showed an increase of 45.8% in the number of Level 3 inspections conducted during the month. Traffic personnel inspected 363 commercial drivers, resulting in 678 violations discovered, 210 citations were issued and 39 drivers were placed "Out of Service".

I want to thank all the Central Command personnel for their efforts despite the adverse weather conditions they faced day after day during the month of January.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	January-05		January-04	% Change		December-04	% Change
Total Crashes	168		110	52.7%		122	37.7%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	108		80	35.0%		92	17.4%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	60		28	114.3%		27	122.2%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	0		2	-200.0%		3	-300.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	6		1	500.0%		5	20.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	0		2	-200.0%		3	-300.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		3	-300.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	38		26	46.2%		26	46.2%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	24		19	26.3%		23	4.3%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	14		7	100.0%		3	366.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.0%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.6%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 0.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 22.6%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- ☒ Crashes increased by almost 38% when compared to December. This is directly attributed to the severe winter storms that pummeled the Command during most of January. Both property damage and injury crashes increased.
- ☒ No fatal crashes occurred within the Command during January.
- ☒ There was one additional alcohol related crash in January as compared to December. The average BAC was .144 for those drivers involved in crashes.
- ☒ Commercial vehicles involved in crashes increased by 46.2% when compared to December. This again is attributed to the severe winter storms during the month. Of the 38 crashes, 22 or 57.9% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver, most being “speed too fast for conditions.”
- ☒ When heavy snow was not falling, the fog was present. Fog coupled with freezing temperatures led to several crashes. One day due to the number of vehicles involved in fog related crashes Interstate 80 was closed for several hours. One other day, there were three separate areas in which the fog and frozen road surfaces led to multiple vehicle crashes that closed Interstate 80. Several commercial vehicles were involved in all of these multiple vehicle crashes.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	January-05	January-04	% Change	December-04	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	6	1	500.0%	5	20.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	13	31	-58.1%	19	-31.6%
Other Arrests	52	88	-40.9%	124	-58.1%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	36	57	-36.8%	64	-43.8%
Speed violations	956	1211	-21.1%	1380	-30.7%
Hazardous moving violations	267	178	50.0%	229	16.6%
Occupant restraint violations *	213	283	-24.7%	240	-11.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	2229	2387	-6.6%	2706	-17.6%
Commercial Enforcement					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	9	17	-47.1%	22	-59.1%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	10	11	-9.1%	10	0.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	317	637	-50.2%	627	-49.4%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	71	110	-35.5%	66	7.6%
Total safety violations -- repair order	507	876	-42.1%	739	-31.4%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	18	42	-57.1%	9	100.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	24	13	84.6%	10	140.0%
Total school buses inspected	18	55	-67.3%	65	-72.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	3	8	-62.5%	10	-70.0%
Total trucks weighed	102	74	37.8%	342	-70.2%
Total overweight citations	0	4	-400.0%	2	-200.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	367	622	-41.0%	585	-37.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%

	Commercial Activity <i>[TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]</i>					
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#
January-05	363	210	678	39	228	0
December-04	249	162	429	32	142	0
% Change	45.8%	29.6%	58.0%	21.9%	60.6%	0.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- ☒ Overall enforcement activity declined by 17.6% or 477 fewer violations. This is directly related to the severe winter weather experienced throughout the Command during the month of January.
- ☒ There were 6 fewer persons arrested for DUI prior to crash than in December. The average BAC for those arrested was .165.
- ☒ The majority of the enforcement decline was in the area of speed violations where 424 fewer citations were issued when compared to December. With the severe weather, vehicles were traveling at slower speeds and the amount of snow that had fallen prohibited patrol units from utilizing the medians to cross to stop vehicles exceeding the speed limit traveling in the opposite direction.
- ☒ Hazardous moving violations increased by over 16%.
- ☒ There were 27 fewer occupant restraint violations in January than in December.
- ☒ The severe winter weather also impacted Commercial Operations enforcement efforts. Commercial personnel assisted Traffic Operations with winter related traffic crashes and problems. The check sites were unable to be utilized due to the amount of ice and snow that had accumulated.
- ☒ This reduction in the number of inspections conducted had a corresponding effect on the number of violations discovered.
- ☒ The number of trucks weighed also declined. Again, related to the severe weather. With snow plowed along highway shoulders, there were limited areas to stop trucks and weigh them.
- ☒ With fewer trucks inspected, there was a decline in the number of vehicles checked for dyed fuel violations.
- ☒ Traffic Operations personnel had an increase of almost 46% in the number of Level 3 inspections conducted. Traffic personnel inspected 363 commercial vehicle drivers, resulting in 678 violations discovered, 210 citations issued and 39 drivers placed “out of service.” This increase is due to fewer passenger vehicles traveling the highways during winter months and especially during the hazardous winter driving conditions. Commercial vehicle traffic volumes are not as impacted during winter months or severe winter storms. This results in a higher ratio of commercial vehicles as compared to passenger vehicles traveling the highways in winter months.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	January-05	January-04	% Change	December-04	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	75,151	76,422	-1.7%	72,533	3.6%
CAD incidents	9,006	8,238	9.3%	9159	-1.7%
Telephone Calls	12,876	N/A	N/A	11,424	12.7%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	120	89	34.8%	109	10.1%
Arrest Reports Processed	19	44	-56.8%	64	-70.3%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	9	7	28.6%	12	-25.0%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	226	N/A	N/A	237	-4.6%
Warrants Entered	197	263	-25.1%	506	-61.1%
Warrants Cleared	139	110	26.4%	150	-7.3%
Warrants Validated	2627	1947	34.9%	2071	26.8%
Extradition / Transports	3	N/A	N/A	5	-40.0%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	19	N/A	N/A	19	0.0%
New Items Submitted	37	211	-82.5%	25	48.0%
Items Disposed	401	73	449.3%	0	40100.0%

Contract Service overtime for January was 704 hours for 13 contracts totaling \$40,625.

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- ☒ The Communications Center had an increase of 3.6% in the number of radio transmissions. Telephone calls increased by almost 13%. Much of this was due to the severe winter weather and subsequent hazardous driving conditions. With this came a reduction in CAD incidents generated as fewer traffic stops were initiated due to personnel working other problem areas.
- ☒ Front Office personnel processed 10% more accident reports. This was due to the increase in accident reports generated from field operations. Arrest and Officer Reports declined greatly. This was a result of fewer arrests being made due to fewer traffic stops being initiated.
- ☒ Warrants processed declined, primarily warrants entered. This is due to the previous backlog being reduced in December.

- ☒ There was no change in the number of new cases generating evidence, but the number of items for these cases increased. Items disposed of increased substantially as there were no items disposed of in December.

PERSONNEL

- ☒ Tpr. Goicoechea was injured in a crash on January 21 while enroute to escort a wide load. His injuries did not allow him to return to work in January.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- ☒ Eight driver safety programs were presented to employees of Turquoise Ridge Mine with 400 persons attending.
- ☒ A traffic safety program with 200 students attending was presented at Carlin High School.
- ☒ Child passenger safety task force meetings were attended in Reno and Elko.
- ☒ A child safety seat offenders class was presented to 4 students.
- ☒ Ten persons attended a drug, alcohol and driver safety program at the Elko County Juvenile Detention Center.



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